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c.) Remarks:

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the amendment filed January 26, 2005 and the filing of an appeal the only rejected claims in the application will be claims 16 and 17. Claim 17 is a claim dependent on claim 16. Claim 16 has been rejected as being anticipated by Nicholson.

Claim 16 is proposed to be amended by clarifying the positions of the first flange sections and their relationship with one another. As proposed to be amended, the first flange sections are required to extend laterally of the tray and to be coplanar. Each first flange section also is recited as being a thicker zone and is required to have a row of indexing apertures extending therethrough. As is acknowledged by the examiner in the continuation of paragraph 5 of the Advisory Action, Nicholson has a first flange section at the top of element 18 and such flange section extends laterally from the nursery tray. However, such flange section does not include any indexing apertures therein. Instead, the indexing apertures of the Nicholson tray are in the depending flanges 18. These flanges depend from the laterally extending first flange section and thus are not, and cannot be, coplanar.

It is believed the language of claim 16, prior to the amendment proposed above, could have been read in such manner as not to require the first flange sections to be both coplanar and to include the row of indexing apertures. This interpretation of the language has been foreclosed by the

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foregoing proposed amendment.

The advantages of the construction set forth in claim 16, as proposed, has been set forth fully in the remarks accompanying prior amendments. To avoid undue enlargement of the record, therefore, they will not be repeated.

The amendment to claim 16 is respectfully submitted to make it allowable. This being the case, claim 17, which depends on claim 16, also is respectfully submitted to be allowable.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully submitted to be warranted because it will place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

It is believed this application now is in condition for formal allowance. Such action is requested.

The Office is authorized to charge or refund any fee deficiency or excess to Deposit Account No. 50-2676.

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